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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEE SECTION,
EMBASSY BANGKOK

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1. IN THE EVENT THAT SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL PAROLE AUTHORITY IS EXTENDED, THE REFUGEE SECTION HERE WILL REQUIRE IMMEDIATELY AN INFUSION OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO FILL THE NEEDS CITED BELOW QUICKLY IF WE ARE TO PROCESS AND MOVE THE LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES CONTEMPLATED.

2. THE POSITIONS WHICH NEED TO BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY ARE:

A. KHMER CASE OFFICERS - THE KHMER SECTION IS PRESENTLY MANNED BY A LONE CRS CONTRACT HIRE EMPLOYEE. TO SUCCESSFULLY SCREEN AND PRIORITIES KHMER REFUGEES REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL KHMER CASE OFFICER. WE HAVE NOW HIRED THREE ADDITIONL KHMER INTERPRETERS FROM AMONG THE REFUGEE POPULATION SO THAT LANGUAGE OFFICER CAPABILITY IS NOT ESSENTIAL.

B. LAO BACKSTOP OFFICER ON BANGKOK - THE BACKLOG OF WORK IN THE LAO PROGRAM IN UDORN IS FORCING US TO RETURN HOJN
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TUCKER TO WORK THERE. WE NEED AN OFFICER TO REPLACE HIM

IN BANGKOK IMMEDIATELY. THERE ARE ADEQUATE LAO INTERPRETERS
IN BANGKOK SO A LANGUAGE OFFICER IS NOT ESSENTIAL.

C. ASSISTANCE FOR VIETNAM CASE OFFICER - AS REQUESTED
PER REFTEL THE ASSIGNMENT OF MISS. NGUYEN THI HUE, A FORMER
TASK FORCE EMPLOYEE NOW WORKING FOR HEW, WOULD BE OF
SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE. THIS WILL OBVIATE THE NEED FOR
AN ADDITIONAL AMERICAN OFFICER IN THIS SECTION.

D. TRAVEL OFFICERS - WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO LOCAL HIRE
STAFF TO FULFILL THIS CAPABILITY. UNDER AN EXTENDED PAROLE
PROGRAM, WE WILL HAVE TO DEVELOP MUCH MORE STREAMLINED
PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW OUR SCREENING AND INS INTERVIEWING.
WE REQUIRE TWO OFFICERS FOR THIS SECTION WHO ARE PREPARED
TO ADMINISTER THIS COMPLEX TRANSPORTATION FUNCTION WITH
INITIATIVE AND VIGOR. ONE SUGGESTED CANDIDATE IS ADRIENNE
RADULOVIC, A USIS OFFICER WHO WILL SHORTLY BE COMPLETING
HER TOUR WITH THE HEW TASK FORCE.

E. MONITORING AND SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION - WHILE WE
CANNOT ABSORB THE TASK AT THIS END OF VERIFYING SPONSORSHIPS
FOR REFUGEES, WE WOULD WELCOME THE ASSIGNMENT OF ONE OFFICER
WHO, ON A FULL TIME AND CASE BY CASE BASIS, COULD FOLLOW
THE PROGRESS OF SPONSORSHIPS BEING WORKED OUT AT THE
WASHINGTON END. HE WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE TRAVEL
OFFICERS; SUCH A PERSON COULD BE A VOLAG REPRESENTATIVE
SO LONG AS HE WORKED DIRECTLY FOR THE EMBASSY, REFUGEE
SECTION, IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE CRS KHMER CASE OFFICER.
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